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FEW MORE FISH, BETTER PRICES

**T Wharf Can Handle All
the Fish in Sight
Today.**

Fresh fish was in little better quantity than yesterday at T wharf this forenoon, three off shore fares, together with five shore trips and the gill netting fares from this port assisting materially in tiding over the day.

The largest trips are schs. Imperator, 40,000 pounds; Richard, 67,000 pounds; Fannie Belle Atwood, 54,000 pounds. The short fleet had about 25,000 pounds, mostly haddock and cod.

Wholesale prices on haddock were \$2.75 to \$5.50 a hundred weight. Large cod brought the fancy figure of \$7 and \$7.50; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$4 to \$4.50; cusk, \$3 and halibut 27 1-2 cents a pound right through.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Imperator, 25,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake, 5000 cusk, 200 halibut.

Sch. Richard, 55,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 cusk, 200 halibut.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 50,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 200 halibut.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Tecumseh, 6500 haddock, 1600 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 3500 haddock.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 3800 haddock, 800 cod, 1500 hake.

Haddock, \$3.75 to \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$7 to \$7.50; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$4 to \$4.50; cusk, \$3; halibut, 28 1/2 c for white and gray.

PACIFIC STRIKE IS STILL ON

The fishing steamer Chicago arrived at Seattle, January 9, with a small catch of halibut, 12,000 pounds, which were taken in the waters of south-eastern Alaska. About four weeks were consumed on the trip. Owing to the strike of fishermen only about one-third of a crew was secured. The average catch per man was 1500 pounds, at the company price of one cent per pound to the fisherman, would give them \$15 average pay for their month's work. Other fishing craft in Alaska waters are meeting with poor success, and the fishermen ashore, in view of the poor prospect in the halibut fishery, are rapidly seeking other employment. Nearly 300 men will be required for crews when the steamers again start out.

Portland Fishing Notes.

Sunday the fishing schooners Martha F. McLean and Bernie and Bessie came in to port from the fishing grounds to get a new supply of bait and then returned.

Capt. Harry Davidson had a thrilling experience with his big motor boat Atlantic Saturday night. He started out just before dark with a party of soldiers on board bound to Diamond Island. It was blowing a gale at the time, but he succeeded in landing his fare all right. On starting for the city, however, he shipped so much water that the boat came very near swamping and he concluded to haul her up for the night at Peak's Island. Sunday forenoon he made another start for the city, but run aground on House Island, where the boat was hung up high and dry for several hours. After considerable hard work he managed to get her afloat and made a fresh start, but his ill luck was not yet over, as in coming up the harbor he collided with the pilot boat which was coming in front outside, the only damage resulting being the tearing of the canvas covering of his hood.

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WIDE AWAKE AT PENSACOLA

**Fish Dealers Putting Up
Glue and Fertilizer Plants
to Use Fish Waste.**

Within the next few weeks the E. T. Saunders Co., of Pensacola, Fla., will be utilizing every portion of the fish brought to Pensacola by the numerous smacks operated by that firm, says the Fishing Gazette. Under course of construction near the marine railway of the concern, across the bay, is a modern glue and fertilizer factory, and within a few weeks' time it is expected that all of the fish heads and waste parts of the fish will be used daily to the factory and manufactured into glue and fertilizer. It is said that fish heads contain 24 per cent of glue, and after the glutinous or viscous substance has been removed an excellent fertilizer is manufactured from the refuse as well as from other portions of the fish removed in cleaning.

Smack arrivals last week were as follows: For E. T. Sanders Co.—Mary E. Cooney, 5000 snappers; Priscilla, 13,390 snappers; 3,705 groupers; Ruth H. Welles, 17,290 snappers; 1,750 groupers; Alcina, 26,040 snappers; 14,065 groupers. The Mary E. Cooney was out only a week, having to return because one of her crew had become insane.

For Warren Fish Co.—William Hays, 34,685 snappers; 6,920 groupers; Osceola, 22,140 snappers; 1495 groupers; Mary E. Harty, 10,375 snappers; 1010 groupers.

COD SMACKS AT FULTON MARKET

With the Lenten season only one day off, things do not look very promising in the salt water fish business says the Fishing Gazette. Fresh fish of late has not been very plentiful and prices have been unusually high for the reason that it has been practically impossible to take out of cold storage the over-supply of fish which was placed there last season. The weather has been so warm and murky that frozen fish have been in practically no demand. There has been very little call for frozen smelts, a most unusual thing at this time of the year.

The weather bureau has been promising cold weather for some time past; still it has not arrived and there is no reason for hoping for any in the near future.

Trade during the present week was not very active. Ground fish was cheap in price and it was practically the only kind to be had for little money. Fancy fish was scarce and there was no variety to speak of. The smacks did not land very many codfish. The arrivals numbered twenty, with a total catch of 24,500 fish.

Market cod sold at 3 cents per pound, with the exception of Thursday, when a few sales were made at 4 cents. Steak cod brought 5 to 7 cents. The latter figure prevailed only on one day and that Thursday. Only few sales were made at 7 cents.

Pollock sold at 4 to 5 cents. During the first half of the week haddock sold at 3 to 4 cents. On Thursday and Friday the price was 4 to 5 cents.

There was some Western white halibut on the market during the early part of the week. The price was 16 cents. Chesebro Bros. expect a car load on Monday. There was no Eastern white halibut in the market.

Four to 5 cents per pound was the quotation on steak hake during the entire week.

Smack arrivals for the week were: Codfish: Frank Munroe, 500 Pittsburgh, 1,700; Earl & Nettie, 800; George E. Hagan, 1,200; Holly, 900; Leonora, 450; Clara, 500; Annie Godfrey, 650; Theodore Fletcher, 1,700; Charlotte J. Kingsland, 1,000; Anna & Ella, 1,600; Conquest, 2,000; Atlantic, 1,000; Gyrasuta, 1,200; Clifton, 2,100; Admiral Schley, 1,600; Ellen Charlotta, 1,700; Viking, 1,500; Viola, 1,800; Harold, 600.

Did Better This Year.

The fishing on the south coast of Nova Scotia between Digby and Canso during the past year has been perhaps rather better than during the year 1911.

The Island of Cape Breton was also probably more productive than in the former year, and Prince Edward Island contributed probably as large a quantity as in the former year, but on the north shore of Nova Scotia and the north shore of New Brunswick the quantities were considerably less than in 1911. The total catch of lobsters for canning and export in a live condition in 1912 was probably 8 to 10 per cent short of the previous year, but the increased values of both canned would make the yield worth fully four millions of dollars. This is returnable to the fishermen in cash and makes the lobster industry the most important as well as the most productive in dollars and cents of any other species of fishing in eastern Canada.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

Our market has remained in practically the same position as per our last advices, arrivals ex last steamers selling at about previous quotations. However, the Ponce market is reported to be weakening and prices there are being shaded. On an average we would quote about as follows on usual net ex wharf basis: Codfish, \$33 per cask of 450 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$23.50.

Reported January 21, 1913, by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico.

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Fish Stock on Market.

The offering of \$10,000 preferred 6 per cent stock and \$25,000 common stock of Robin, Jones & Whitman, fish exporters, of Halifax, will shortly be made on the Canadian market by the firm of J. C. Mackintosh & Co. The company has an authorized capital of \$9,000,000 6 per cent preferred, of which \$82,000 is issued, and \$850,000 common, of which \$537,800 is issued.

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Some Came Here.

The first of the new Alaska codfish this season is being put on the San Francisco market by the Union Fish Co. of that city. This consists of a cargo of 427 tons from Pirate Cove, Alaska, of shore caught, pickle cured fish, just arrived.

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EXPECT GRIMSBY FISHERS STRIKE

The progress of events seem to be moving slowly at Grimsby, Eng., towards the threatened crisis which is to bring the fishing industry to a standstill, but yet there is not a ripple on the surface of the industrial sea at the port, says the "Fish Trades Gazette." Doubtless the men's union is sorely disappointed that the trawler owners have not bent. Following last Sunday's meeting of the men, it was announced in one quarter that the owners had given in to the extent of asking for a conference on the following Wednesday, but there were no grounds for the statement. The firm though just attitude of the masters has so far resulted in the agitators having failed to insert the thin end of their wedge. It has been stated that the beginning of February would see the commencement of the great strike in the industry, when not only the trawlers would be held up, but the workers on shore would strike.

A strike of fishermen in several Plymouth trawlers resulted from a change in the public taste. Among the fish formerly allowed to the men as perquisites were the anglers (so called from a fishing-rod-like projection from the head), locally known as "monks," but these having become a popular dish now find a ready sale. The owners have, therefore, decided that in future only a proportion of the sum realized by the sale of "monks" is to go to the men, who ceased work in consequence.

Rough Outside.

On account of the rough weather, and high prevailing northwest winds outside today, the gill netting fleet and market boats put back to port this forenoon.

UP GO PRICES AT T WHARF

**Arrivals Few and Demand
Far Exceeds the Supply
This Morning.**

T wharf's fish history was another brief one this morning, one steam trawler and three shore trips having arrived during the night.

Steamer Ripple had 25,000 haddock, 7000 scrod, 3300 cod and 2000 pounds of lemon sole, while the three shore crafts totalled 14,000 pounds.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Josie and Phoebe had 50,000 lbs. of mixed fish and 1300 weight of halibut and sch. Elva L. Spurling, 12,000 pounds.

Wholesalers paid \$5.25 to \$6.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 to \$8 for large cod, \$4.50 to \$5 for market cod, and \$4.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 16000 haddock, 18000 cod, 11000 hake, 4000 cusk, 1300 halibut.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 2000 haddock, 2900 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Ripple, 32,000 haddock, 3300 cod, 2000 lemon sole.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings 6500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 1500 haddock, 600 cod, 2200 hake.

Sch. Little John, 1800 cod.

Haddock, \$5.25 to \$6.50 per cwt.; large cod \$6 to \$8; market cod, \$4.50 to \$5; pollock, \$4.50.

CAPT. CHISHOLM'S CRAFTS DO WELL

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. Val O'Neill, on her recent haddocking trip made the fine stock of \$2375, while the crew shared \$56.65 a man. The vessel was gone but 12 days.

In the same length of time, sch. A. Platt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce stocked \$2500, while the crew consisting of two more men shared \$48 apiece. Both crafts go from the firm of Capt. John Chisholm.

It was only two weeks ago that these two crafts and sch. Conqueror, also owned by Capt. Chisholm, arrived at Boston together, the three trips realizing the finest total stock on record for three crafts of one firm in on the same day.

SEA GULL PUTS OUT LIGHT.

Flies Against Gas Buoy at Nobska Point and Breaks Glass.

Capt. O'Donnell of the steamer H. F. Dimock, in Monday at Boston from New York, brought news that the gas buoy at Nobska Point was extinguished when his vessel passed there. It was subsequently discovered that a sea gull was the cause of the trouble. The bird flew against the buoy, broke the glass and the strong wind extinguished the light. While this occurs frequently along the Eastern Maine coast, it rarely happens in this vicinity. Light-keeper Cameron, at Nobska discovered the light out and the tender went out from Woods Hole and relighted it.

Capt. O'Donnell further reported that the Pollock Rip bell buoy, which capsized 10 days ago and was righted, is again upside down and that the gas buoy at the broken part of Pollock Rip is out.

Portland Fish Notes.

The local fishing fleet is still hugging the wharves, the weather conditions of late having been of the most discouraging nature. Several times in the past four days the fishermen have put out only to find on reaching the fishing grounds such a heavy sea on as to make it utterly impossible to do any fishing. But one trip of any size was landed Monday, the schooner Albert W. Black bringing in 10,000 pounds of mixed fish. Halibut is a scarce article, there being none outside of the frozen fish. The scarcity is a problem to the fishermen, not a fare having been landed here for a month and only three or four small ones at Boston and Gloucester. This is a very different condition from a year ago when the bankers were all coming in with large fares. The halibut have evidently gone off to some other part of the sea, and there is nothing to do but wait until they make up their minds to return to their old grounds.

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**GILL NETTER
HAD STURGEON**
Some of the Little Fellows
Had Much Difficulty In
Picking Up Nets.

The only arrivals here since yesterday's report are the gill netters which landed about 50,000 pounds yesterday, about one-half of the receipts being cod, one-sixth pollock and the remainder haddock and cod.

Sch. Little Fannie failed to pick up her nets as did some of the other crafts. Steamer Water Witch lost her nets six days ago and did not pick them up again until yesterday afternoon.

Most of the fleet are fishing off the Isle of Shoals. Although no phenomenal catches have been made, the boats have been striking a nice run of large steak cod, which at the fancy prices being in the market, are netting the crafts some good stocks.

One of the steamers landed a sturgeon at the Atwood & Payne Company's wharf Monday, which sold to J. C. Shepherd & Company's market.

- Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**
- The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
- Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish
 - Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Swan, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Evelyn H., gill netting 2600 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Mystery, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Loreana, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
 - Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margie Turner, halibuting.
Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

- TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**
- Salt Fish.**
- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.
 - Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.
 - Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
 - Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
 - Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
 - Pollock, \$1.50.
 - Hake, \$1.50.
 - Haddock, \$1.50.
 - Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl.
 - Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.
- Fresh Fish.**
- Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
 - Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
 - Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.
 - All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
 - Hake, \$1.15.
 - Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.
 - Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c.
 - Bank halibut 15 1-2c per lb. for white; 12 1-2c for gray.
 - Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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**CLOSE CALL FOR
LAKE FISHERS**

Fishermen of Little Sturgeon and Harnesville, Wis., had a close call on Wednesday of last week, when the ice on which they were working broke and the men were carried away on a floe. There were about 50 men employed in fishing operations off that point on Tuesday afternoon when to their horror they saw the ice broken and they were being carried away on the floe. There was a wild scramble to get across the rapidly opening crack before it was too late, many of the men taking desperate chances, jumping from cake to cake before reaching shore. The greatest difficulty was in getting the horses safely over, there being in the neighborhood of 12 caught on the wrong side of the opening. All but one of the animals were saved. This was the property of Ed. Baker, Ed. Ostram and Henry Marsh, all of whom were obliged to run for their lives, and were on the ice until 2 o'clock in the morning before they succeeded in making a landing on the east shore of the peninsula north of the mouth of the bay. John Peltier and one of his boys had the hardest time of it. Being cut off by the winding crack they started for the west shore. They had not gone far in this direction before they found a landing could not be made, so they hustled back to their shanty before darkness would overtake them. Here they spent the night. Running out of fuel with which to keep themselves warm they were obliged to burn the nets, a couple of boxes of twine being used for this purpose before daylight arrived Wednesday morning. When it became light enough John got onto a cake of ice and, with a shovel for a paddle made his way to shore in safety across the chasm that was a quarter of a mile wide. He went back after his companion afterwards with a boat. Thousands of dollars worth of twine will be lost unless the weather turns cold in time to prevent the large field from being carried away and broken up, in which case very little if anything would be saved. At the best it will be a hard blow to the fishermen, all of whom had gone to considerable expense in getting ready for winter fishing, and none of whom but will lose some of their nets under the most favorable conditions. The fishing will be practically discontinued after this as it is almost too late to start again. The prices were good and the catch fine and everything pointed to one of the best winter fishings for many years past.

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Fleet Fitting Out.

Sch. Tacoma is fitting for fresh halibuting under command of Capt. Donald McIntosh.

Capt. Michael King is fitting sch. Selma for halibuting.

Another craft fitting for the halibut fishery is sch. Priscilla Smith under command of Capt. Albert Saulnberg.

Sch. Aloha is fitting for haddocking under command of Capt. Peter Muise.

Will Load Cod.

A letter received from one of the crew of sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, written from Port au Basque, N. F., stated that the weather has been extremely cold, and being unable to secure a cargo of herring there, would go to Cape Breton to load a cargo of 300,000 pounds of salt cod for Cunningham & Thompson Company of this city, her owners.

A Novel Sight to Some.

A swordfish weighing about 400 pounds, was recently forwarded to the James Cold Storage Co., Toronto, from Canso, N. S. This is said to be the first swordfish that was ever sent to Toronto.

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**HIGHEST PRICES
OF THE WINTER**
New Shore Haddock Soared
to \$9.10 at T Wharf
Today.

All records for high prices during the present winter's haddock fishery were smashed at T wharf, Boston, this morning, when shore cod reached the \$10 mark and haddock, \$9.10 a hundred pounds:

There were but two arrivals at the dock, with a total of little better than 40,000 pounds. On account of the Lenten season fresh fish is now in good command, consequently with the short supply, prices necessarily soared high.

The steam trawler Swell had 30,000 pounds of haddock, 1500 pounds cod, 500 pounds of sole and 7000 weight of scrod. The other fare was sch. Eva and Mildred with 4200 pounds of haddock, cod and pollock.

Wholesale prices on haddock were \$6.50 to \$9.10 a hundred pounds, \$8 to \$10 for large cod, \$6 to \$8 for market cod, \$5 to \$7 for hake and \$6 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

- Str. Swell, 37,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 500 lemon sole.
- Sch. Eva and Mildred, 3500 haddock, 100 cod, 500 hake, 100 pollock.
- Haddock, \$6.50 to \$9.10 per cwt.; large cod, \$8 to \$10; market cod, \$6 to \$8; hake, \$5 to \$7; pollock, \$6.

**NOTHING DOING
OFF ROSE BLANCHE**

Many of the herring fishers about the west coast have gone to Sydney, while others are at Port au Port and in the lumber woods. The halibut catch has been almost a blank so far this winter on the famous grounds of Francois Hermitage Bay. Only about 200 pounds were caught since the last trip. Lack of bait and bad weather are the causes, but as the men have bait they should do well if the weather is favorable. The Portia brought along a few of the big fish for city business people.

The Bank fishermen are now overhauling their crafts and gear to make ready for the coming season's work. Many of them start early and the owners are actively preparing their outfits.

The fishers of Rose Blanche and vicinity, who usually do well with the winter cod catch, have fared badly so far owing to storms, the water being rougher than for years, too much so for boats to venture out.

Portland Fish Notes.

An Associated Press dispatch appearing in an evening paper Tuesday caused no little comment along the waterfront, and many are wondering at its meaning says the Portland Press. Since the only ground fish that Portland receives is from its own vessels, and of late these having been bringing mighty few, and as all of the halibut arriving here are snapped up at any price by Capt. Fred N. Harty and shipped to the New England Fish Co. of Gloucester, it is by no means clear what the statement can mean. It might be said that halibut are about as scarce as hens' teeth in Portland, and it would not be stretching the point greatly. Only a few have been received here this winter, and this fact has been generally commented upon, and the opinion has been expressed that halibut may have found a new feeding ground, as the boats that have been halibuting off the banks are not meeting with a great deal of success. Portland would gladly become the leading port for receiving halibut catches, but at the present time it hasn't the slightest right to make any such a claim. This is the item which appeared in an evening paper yesterday:

Gloucester, Feb. 4.—Gloucester has lost her fresh fishing industry to Boston, and Portland has made a dent in her halibut trade, which despite the efforts of the local concerns to retain it is fast slipping from their grasp, and it is only a question of time when the entire fresh fishing of this city is carried on from Boston and Portland.

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**THE FATHER OF
ALL CODFISH**
Phenomenal Monster Was
Caught Off African Coast
Weighed 354 Pounds.

A codfish of phenomenal size, weighing 375 pounds, has been caught at Freetown, Sierra Leone, on the African coast, by the steam trawler Glenearse, lately fishing from Aberdeen, and now fishing in West Africa for the West African Trawling & Trading Co., says the Shetland "Times." It is related that this large fish created a sensation when landed at Freetown, and that the owners found a ready market for it at 6d. per pound. The fishermen on the Glenearse, all experienced North Sea men, say that the fish caught in these waters are nearly all of very large size, and that they can obtain large catches with only a few hours' fishing, and also that the fishing banks are not far from the shore.

A statement as to the Norwegian fish situation, towards the end of December, 1912, has been made by a correspondent of the "Trade Review," at Christiansand, as follows: The exportation for the year has been about 35 per cent. bigger than it was last year to the date of this writing—that is, counting the number of fish. But it must be added, in this connection, that the average weight of the fish was, at least, 20 per cent. less than it was the year before. We get this position from the fact that the fish are all counted in this country. During the present year all the new fish was shipped before the close of the season, while in 1911 the cold fish was shipped far into the new year. This year's catch of ling and similar fish (which is not counted into the official statistics) gave an extremely poor result, while last summer's catch of the same kind of fish was a very good one.

No English or Scotch green fish has been imported to Norway this year, but there were considerable quantities last year—on the contrary, a good deal of Norwegian fish, both green and dry, has been exported to our Scotch competitors this season. Taking all these points into consideration, stocks of Norwegian fish now held are considered to be about the same as they were this time last year, or, if anything, a little too small for requirements, in spite of prices being considerably higher than now. At present writing prices are going upwards, and the demand is enormous, and, from present indications, we are likely to be short of old fish this season, before the new fish is ready.

Foreign Mackerel.

The imported mackerel situation remains unchanged says Fishing Gazette. Trade is rather dull in that line, but seems to be looking up. The sales so far are rather small, but the demand is wide and the market inclines to be easy. There is not much Lent business in sight as yet. No. 1 Norways are scarce and high, but there has been a fair trade in No. 2, while No. 4 is reported as rather dull. Irish mackerel is quiet and steady.

The foreign reports on Irish mackerel are as follows: Irish Mackerel Fishing, Dingle, Jan. 18.—There has been no mackerel taken here for the past few weeks, and our present season is supposed to be finished. No more mackerel looked for to be taken until the middle of May next. Report on Irish mackerel, Liverpool, Jan. 18.—Shipments this week: To New York, S.S. Cymric, 235 bbls.; to Boston, S. Canadian, 397; Iowa, 200; to New Orleans, Nitonian, 125; total for week, 957 bbls. Total shipments to date: 1912 Irish autumn, 22,820 bbls.; 1912 Norway autumn, 7,592 bbls.

Report on Irish mackerel by cablegram: Liverpool, Eng., Jan. 25.—Fishing very poor. Shipments this week to Boston, 200 bbls.; other ports, 50; count of shipments, 250 to 400.

Irish mackerel statistics: Mackerel landed on the Irish coasts, month of December, 1912, 1,704 bbls.; value, \$5,300; same month in 1911, 5,556 bbls., value, \$14,000.

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FISH ARE BITING.

Catfish caught in mid-winter from the White Water are delicacies on Connersville, Ind., tables. The fish have never been known to bite at this season before. The unusual warmth of the water is supposed to have awakened them from their winter lethargy. They are snapping at bits of meat and bits of dough on hooks as greedily as in June.